

SERVE DC
THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

2010 Fall Service Days Grant Competition

Notice: *Attendance at a technical assistance session is required in order to be eligible to apply for this grant. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Monday, May 24, 2010 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, and Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 5:30 to 6:30pm at The Franklin D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009.*

Summary: Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism is offering grants to support community service projects organized for the 2010 Fall Seasons of Service Days which include the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance (September 11, 2010) and Make A Difference Day (October 23, 2010), both national days of service to your community. This year, Serve DC will focus its attention for this grant competition on projects that will engage persons of all backgrounds regardless of disability, race, national origin, or religion. **Grants worth up to \$5000 each** will be awarded.

Through the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, Serve DC seeks to encourage all DC residents to voluntarily perform at least one good deed or another service activity on the anniversary of 9/11. This day of service seeks to inspire everyone to carry forward everyday in their lives, through their actions toward others, the remarkable spirit of unity, understanding, and service that brought America and the world together in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

Known as the "national day to help others," Make A Difference Day is a national effort designed to mobilize citizens in communities across the country in volunteer service. Make A Difference Day is sponsored by *USA WEEKEND Magazine* and held in partnership with HandsON Network and is supported by Newman's Own, in collaboration with celebrities, government, nonprofits and businesses. On this day, DC residents will "do good" and engage hundreds of volunteers.

Awards will be made to nonprofits, public schools, universities, community groups, faith-based organizations, government agencies, or public organizations to support service projects based on community needs and a culminating celebration to rejoice in the contribution to the community. These activities will enable communities to meet critical needs that include environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, and other community needs. Additionally, applicants must propose to institute a reflection and celebration activity to promote long term service commitment.

Criteria for eligible applicants: Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations, public schools, universities, community groups, faith-based organizations, state and local units of

government, and public organizations to support service projects based on community needs and a culminating celebration to rejoice in the contribution to the community. Programs applying to Serve DC for funding must conduct the project only within the District of Columbia. An organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c)(4), that engages in lobbying activities is **not** eligible to apply, serve as a host site for the project, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions. The Fall Service Day Grant Application will be released on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 9:00am. **The deadline is Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.**

The schedule for information sessions is as follows: Franklin D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009, Tuesday, May 18, 2010 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Monday, May 24, 2010 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, and Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

All interested applicants must register and attend one technical assistance session in order to apply for funds. To RSVP for a training session, please contact Joseph Martin, Program Officer for Training and Disability Inclusion at (202) 727-7937 or Joseph.Martin@dc.gov

Serve DC anticipates awarding grants of up to \$5000 for Fall Service Day grants. The actual number and dollar amount of the awards will depend upon the number of approved applications received and requested dollar amounts.

Applications can be obtained from Franklin D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009 or downloaded and printed from the Serve DC Web site at www.serve.dc.gov on or after Friday, May 14, 2010. For additional information, please call Joseph Martin at (202) 727-7937.